

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, November 4, 2021 – 3:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

- I. **Chairperson Jim Holley called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Chaplain Laverne Farmer provided the invocation.
- III. **Mission Statement of the Board of Police Commissioners.**
- IV. **Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	Attend	Not-Attend
Rev. Jim Holley, PhD, Chairperson	Yes	
Martin Jones, Vice-Chairperson	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Annie Holt	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	11	

- V. **Chairperson Holley** called for any additions to the Agenda for Thursday, November 4, 2021, the motion was accepted and adopted.

VOTE: **Yes = 6** **No = 1** **Motion: ADOPTED**

- VI. **Chairperson Holley** called for any corrections to the Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2021. The minutes were adopted as presented.
- VII. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives.**
- VIII. **Chair's Report.** Chairperson Holley reported on the following information:

- (1) **CONGRATULATORY REMARKS REGARDING RECENT DETROIT ELECTION:** We extend congratulations to Mayor Duggan, the Clerk, and all the City Council Members. They can expect a personal letter of congratulations as we look to work together for Detroit's safety, growth and prosperity.
- (2) **TODAY'S AGENDA:** (1) Chief's Reports regarding weekly crime data and any other critical incidents or events impacting the Department or the community; (2) Secretary to the Board interviews of (2) candidates; (3) Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) Presentation; (4) Closed Session to discuss the Administrative Leave without Pay but with Medical Benefits Requests for Lieutenant John F. Kennedy and Police Officer Daniel Vickers; (5) Public Comments have been moved on the agenda to allow the public to speak prior to the interviews and presentations. If you would like to make a comment, please submit your request now so that you can be acknowledged by BOPC Staff. Thank you.

- IX. **Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police's Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information:** Chief of Police James E. White reported on the following: Current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property; COVID-19 impacts, recent critical incidents impacting DPD and the community. Chief White; recent

charges imposed on (2) DPD Members involved in the tow operation scheme; the Upcoming DPD Above and Beyond Awards Ceremony; and other key updates.

Board Members requested additional information as follows:

- (1) Presentation on the forfeiture process involving illegal dumping of vehicles;
- (2) Department policy regarding COVID vaccinations;
- (3) Reports on different activities acknowledging and highlighting DPD Members' achievements and contributions; Request for the towing software contract, cost of the contract, etc.;
- (4) Request for information regarding the Department's Gun Task Force Unit and the prosecution rate; Department's Plan for reporting updates regarding addressing those members who show a pattern or practice of police misconduct.
- (5) Request for the Board to receive Homicide Report that reflects the breakdown of categories (i.e. argument related, domestic related, drugs, or other).
- (6) Request for DPD Crime Plan reflecting the plan of action to address/reduce crime in 2022 and present to the Board for review.

See attached Meeting Transcripts for more information.

X. Presentations to the Board - Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) Presentation

- A.** Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar presented on the OCI's Monthly Statistics for the month of October 2021, staff updates, and OCI oversight initiatives. *See PowerPoint Presentation online.*

Complaints Received: OCI received 112 complaints during September 2021, 13 more than September 2020. The majority of complaints are filed via telephone. OCI receives the most telephone complaints, 43 of the 61 calls during August were calls to OCI. Leading in complaints received in September were the 6th 8th and 12th Precincts. Complaints Closed: 42 Complaints closed in September involving 69 Allegations. Procedure and Demeanor lead the Allegations.

Complaints Closed Equipped with Body Worn Camera (BWC): 24 incidents of the 42 citizen complaints closed in September involved a DPD member equipped with BWC. Violations of BWC DPD policy include incidents not captured due to DPD Member not activating their BWC during citizen contact; the BWC was not activated upon citizen contact; and/or was deactivated before the investigation was complete, etc. Officers who violate Department BWC Policy, may be subject to discipline including but not limited to termination. DPD Members: 67 DPD member were identified in the 42 complaints closed in September. By Rank, leading were 58 were police officers, 3 Sergeants, 3 Detectives.

By Seniority, leading were 20 Police Officers less than 2 Years, 20 Members 3-4 years, 15 Officers 20-29 years. Afternoon Shifts: 35 of the 67 DPD members were working afternoon shifts during the time of their incidents, 15 officers with 3-4 years of seniority and 12 officers with less than 2 years.

BOPC appointed Lawrence Akbar as Interim Chief Investigator on February 27, 2020. Since February 27, 2020 to date, 1,960 complaints have been filed, 1,433 cases have been closed, 881 cases were overdue cases. OCI Staff and Case Status as of October 31, 2021: OCI current has 10 Investigators and the Supervisory Staff on case assignment rotation.

OCI Statistics as of October 31, 2021: 118 complaints were received during October 2021 and 53 cases were closed (34 overdue). From January 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021: 1,120 complaints were received and 641 cases closed. 844 Cases are pending investigation of which 69 are in the approval process. 554 cases are over 90 days pending investigation of which 52 are in the approval processes. Complaints may be filed in person at OCI located at 900 Merrill Plaisance, Detroit, MI 48203, in Palmer Park, or by calling 313-596-2499, by fax at 313-596-2482, between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Leave your name and telephone number in the OCI voice mail system during off hours, your call will be returned. You may also file online at www.detroitmi.gov/bopc or in person at any DPD precinct, please request a supervisor.

See attached Meeting Transcripts for more information.

XI. Unfinished Business.

Secretary to the Board of Police Commissioners Position Interview

The Board held interviews for the position of Secretary to the Board. Mr. John Tipton, II, Talent Acquisition Specialist III, City of Detroit - Human Resources Department, conducted the interview of Ms. D'Etta Wilcoxon, candidate for Secretary to the Board. Chairperson Holley called for the next scheduled candidate to interview. However, the candidate did not appear for the scheduled interview.

(1) Motion: Commissioner Burch moved "to vote on the two candidates interviewed for the Secretary to the Board – Che Peterson and D'Etta Wilcoxon." The motion failed.

VOTE: Yes = 5 No = 5 Motion: FAILED

Yes: Chairperson Holley, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Burton, and Commissioner Davis.

No: Vice-Chairperson Jones, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Carter, and Commissioner Hernandez.

(2) Motion: Commissioner Bell moved "that the Board postpone the matter for 90 days." The motion failed.

VOTE: Yes = 4 No = 6 Motion: FAILED

Yes: Vice-Chairperson Jones, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Bell, and Commissioner Carter.

No: Chairperson Holley, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Hernandez.

(3) Motion: Commissioner Brown moved "that the Board go into a Closed Session two weeks from today on November 18, 2021, pending HR's (Human Resources) return of references, background checks and litigation checks." The motion was adopted after debate.

VOTE: Yes = 10 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Holley Bernard, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Hernandez.

No: None.

XII. Oral Communications/Public Comments.

Lieutenant Mark Young, Mr. Scotty Boman, Ms. Bernice Smith, Minister Eric Blount, Overwith is Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Ms. Brenda Hill, Ms. Joy, and Mr. Gregory Love offered public comments.

XIII. Report from Interim Board Secretary Melanie White/Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:

1. Weekly DPD Facial Recognition Technology Report 10/25/21 – 10/31/21
2. Project Green Light Report 11/1/21
3. Staff Reports

XIV. Announcements.

Mr. Robert Brown announced the following:

Next Virtual Meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom Technology.
Next Virtual Meeting: Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., Zoom Technology.

XV. New Business.

Motion: Vice Chairperson moved “to go into Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section (8)(a) to discuss personnel matters.” The motion was adopted. Time: 5:57 p.m.

XVI. Motion to Reconvene Open Session

Motion: Commissioner Burch moved “to reconvene the public meeting.” (6:25 p.m.) The motion was adopted.

- A. Commissioner Holt** moved that the Board approve Chief of Police James White’s recommendation to place Lieutenant John F. Kennedy, Badge L-168, assigned to the Seventh Precinct on Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits. The motion was adopted.

VOTE: **Yes = 9** **No = 1** **Motion: ADOPTED**

Yes: Chairperson Holley, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Hernandez.

No: Commissioner Burton.

- B. Commissioner Holt** moved that the Board approve Chief of Police James White’s recommendation to place Police Officer Daniel S. Vickers, Badge 4236, assigned to Traffic Enforcement on Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits. The motion was adopted.

VOTE: **Yes = 9** **No = 1** **Motion: ADOPTED**

Yes: Chairperson Holley, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Hernandez.

No: Commissioner Burton.

XVII. Adjournment.

Chairperson Holley adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.